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NOTE FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

Sir:

You have scheduled for tomorrow from the DD/I a briefing on Project SAFE. I should like to make a brief suggestion to you which I believe is very much designed for the common good.

SAFE is basically a DD/I/CRS proposal although there has been continuing conversations with OJCS. There is much enthusiasm in DD/I for SAFE, and Mr. is an extremely articulate I do believe your interests will be well served at the conclusion of Mr. _____briefing if you would ask for a DD/A reaction. Our relationships and consultations with DD/I have been good on this matter, but as a matter of conscious, I want to make sure that you do receive somewhat of a balanced presentation on a very complex and highly expensive proposed undertaking. I have spoken with both Messrs. McMahon and Fitzwater on this matter; and from two different points of view, they will endeavor to establish, when called upon, a type of perspective which should be borne in mind when endeavoring to evaluate how and where we go in further pursuit of SAFE.

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